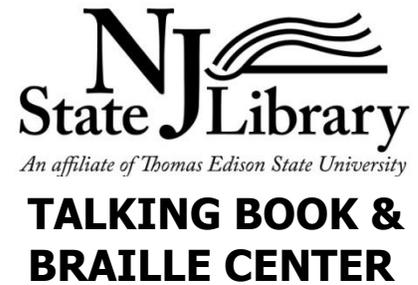


Weekly Highlights from TBBC

April 17, 2020



A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN

This is our third newsletter to help you stay informed on the current situation. Conditions are improving statewide but we are weeks away from returning.

Books are not being duplicated and mailed out to you so by keeping your books you will have something to read.

TBBC staff will return all telephone messages left at the library. Dial extension 861 to leave your message. Because staff will be calling you from offsite, their call to you may show a blocked number or anonymous. Staff will only be returning your calls on weekdays from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. We look forward to your messages!

I have been writing about our staff and I thought in this newsletter you can read about them.

Take care and please be safe.

Thank you,

Mary

Mary L. Chute
New Jersey State Librarian

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Gail:

Thriving Blind: Stories of Real People Succeeding Without Sight
(DB97202) by Kristin Smedley and Eric Weihenmayer

Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg
(DB83838) by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik

Robert B. Parker's Buckskin (DB98360) by Robert Knott

Luz:

Long Road to Mercy (DB92904) by David Baldacci

A Minute to Midnight (DB97355) by David Baldacci

Adam:

Lost (DB98503) by James Patterson

The Wives (DB98148) by Tarryn Fisher

BARD MOBILE APP

With BARD Mobile for iOS or Android, you can play the audio materials on your smartphone or tablet. If your device is connected to a refreshable Braille display through Bluetooth, you can also read the Braille materials available on BARD.

The BARD Mobile app is available as a free download through App Store or Google Play.

Before you can use BARD Mobile, you must be signed up to use BARD. You can apply for BARD at:

<https://nlsbard.loc.gov/NLS/ApplicationInstructions.html>

Notes on Using BARD Mobile:

- Sign in with your BARD user name and password. You'll only need to do this the first time you use the app. The BARD Mobile app will remember your BARD user credentials.
- Books and magazines can be quite large to download (50MB - 200MB), so be sure to manage downloads carefully, especially if you have a limited data plan. You can set BARD Mobile to only download over Wi-Fi.
- Your progress through a book is not updated across iOS devices. So, if you start listening to a book on your iPhone, your progress will not be updated on your iPad.
- You can have up to 5 iOS devices registered with the BARD Mobile app.

INTRODUCING THE TBBC STAFF

Who Needs Gail?

Simple answer is everyone needs a Gail. Gail is working offsite and is available to call you back, so please don't ignore that "private" number, it could be Gail! Gail will help you with BARD or start putting together a list of books to send out when the building is once again open.

What Have You Got To Luz?

I know, bad pun. Luz is our specialist for books in Spanish. She collects information on all the Spanish books available from the Library of Congress. This is a difficult area for book selection since the Spanish book must be published in the United States to be considered for the program. Luz works very hard to identify and suggest books for the program. While Luz is fluent in Spanish, she is well versed with the program to help you with other selections.

Jen, Speaks Child:

Jen is our children's and teen specialist. Jen runs our summer reading program. Besides having a great deal of knowledgeable grade level appropriate books, Jen also is a very important source for information about books for all ages in accessible formats of audio, braille and large print. She can also make suggestions if you want to have a "book club" with a grandchild, where you both read the same book.

Liz Is Our Leader:

Liz Burns supervises the Reader Services staff. Liz works closely with everyone to try to meet all our patron needs. Liz leads our cataloging of subjects for our books. This is very important since many patrons rely on the subjects of a book to get books of interest to them. Liz is recognized nationally for her work in children literature.

The Other Liz:

When you have two Elizabeths you need to identify each. So we have Liz B. and Liz K. Liz K. has been with us for over a year. Liz K. has quickly become a very valuable staff member. As we moved into a new system, Liz identified problems and worked to find solutions. Liz is an avid reader and you will read about her book suggestions from time to time.

That Guy's Voice:

Stephen is the guy's voice. Stephen works with Liz B. on all of our outreach activities. Stephen especially works with public libraries across the state so that their staff can download books for you. Stephen also coordinates the LEAP initiative with the Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped for patron training on Apple products in ten public libraries including TBBC across the state.

FAX MACHINE UNAVAILABLE

Please do not send any requests or applications to the library's fax number. No one is at the library to receive these requests. Requests and applications can be scanned and emailed to the library; simply send them to the email this newsletter came from, tbbc@njstatelib.org

IRS INFORMATION FOR TBBC PATRONS

Stephen has some links to let TBBC patrons know about resources they have to learn about potential Economic Impact Payments from the IRS. The IRS has created a dedicated resource page for Economic Impact Payments that can be found here:

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>

Additionally, the IRS has dedicated accessibility features to make their website more equitable. Users can find a directory of features and other dedicated accessibility content at the link here:

<https://www.irs.gov/help/irsgov-accessibility>

COVID-19

If you're looking for up-to-date information about COVID-19, the New Jersey State Library has put together a terrific source at

<https://libguides.njstatelib.org/covid2019>

ATLANTIC CITY LIBRARY ACTIVITY GUIDE

The Atlantic City Public Library has put together a guide with many different things to do while practicing social distancing. Among the things included in the guide are live story times, live animal videos, meditation resources, and a section on audio and ebooks. The guide is available to anyone over the internet at the following link:

<https://acfpl.libguides.com/c.php?g=1021390&p=7398498>

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